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Vote by Mail. Absentee ballots available until April 2.

(Madison)—State Senator Janis Ringhand (D-Evansville) is urging voters to request an absentee ballot now so they can safely vote by mail in the April 7 election.

"Be safer at home. Vote by mail." Senator Ringhand said. "Requesting an absentee ballot and voting by mail allows you to have your vote be counted, while maintaining safety precautions to avoid contracting the COVID 19 virus."

There are concerns about the potential exposure to the virus that could result from conducting in-person voting on April 7. Voting absentee by mail eliminates the need for voters to show up at crowded polling places on April 7.

"Voting by mail is easy and safe. There is still plenty of time to receive a ballot and return it in time for your vote to be counted."

Voters can request an absentee ballot in a number of ways including by going online to https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/, writing, faxing or emailing their request to their local clerk. Contact information for local clerks can be found here: https://elections.wi.gov/clerks.directory

Absentee ballots can be requested until 5:00 pm on April 2 by email or fax. Written requests must be received 5:00 pm on April 2nd. Absentee ballots must be <u>returned</u> to the clerk's office by 8:00 pm on Election Day. They must be returned in person or by mail.

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